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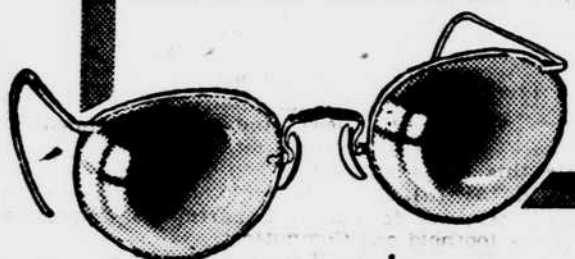
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Knox Hails Launching Of Alabama as End Of 'Defense Era'

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Ahead of Schedule

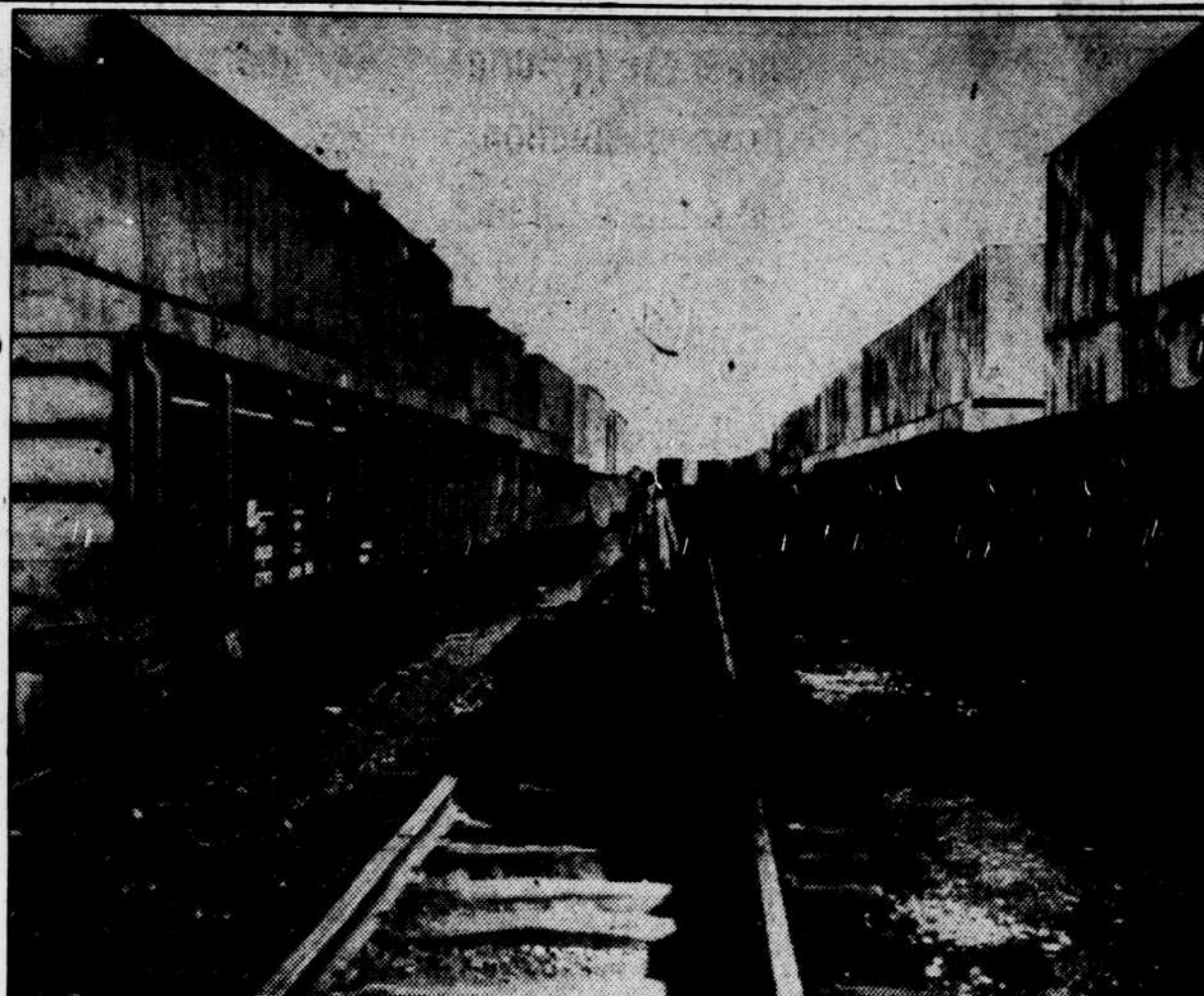
By the Associated Press.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Feb. 16.—Secretary of the Navy Knox hailed the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship Alabama here today—nine months ahead of schedule—as the end of the "defense era" and the beginning of a "war era."

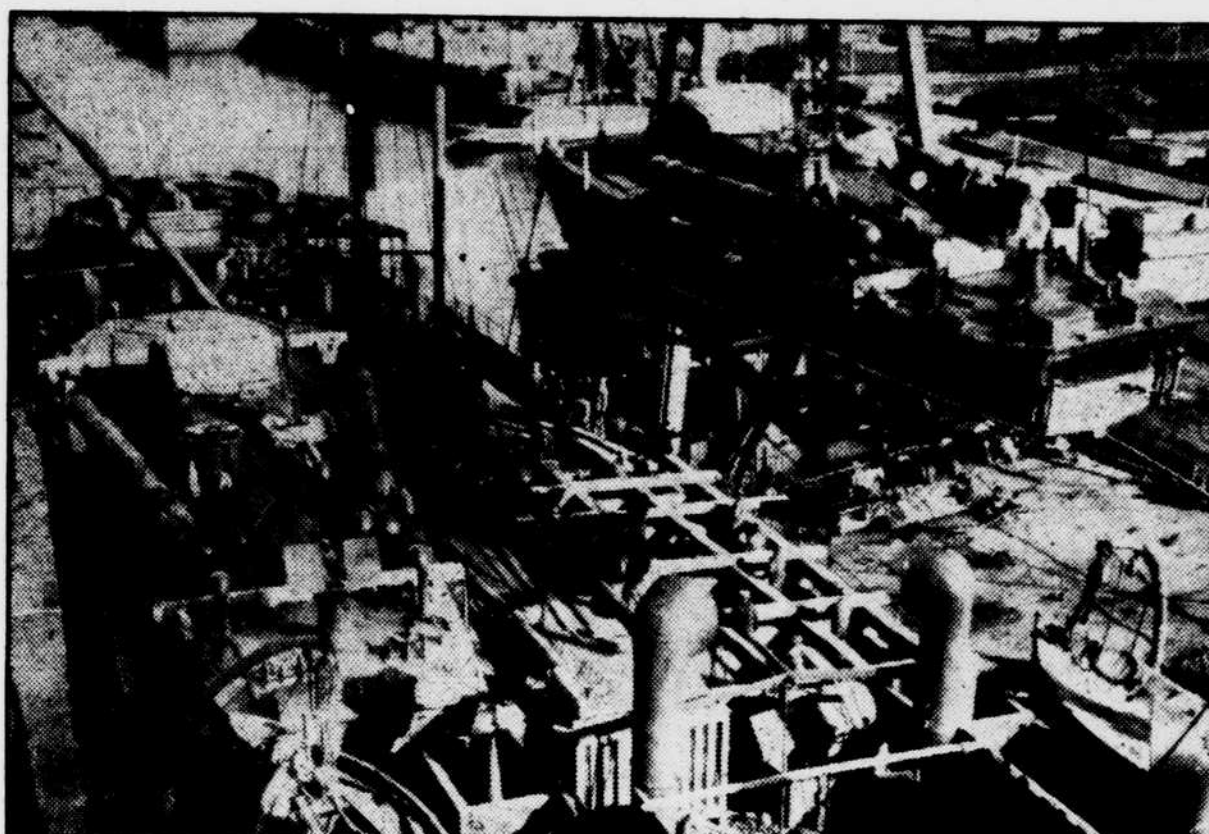
"And ships will pour from our yards in ever increasing quantities; ships which bring us supremacy at sea; ships which will bring us victory," the Secretary said.

The Alabama, the sixth battleship to be launched under the defense building program, and the last of a class of four which includes the Massachusetts, the Indiana and the South Dakota, has improvements over her sister ships, some of which have already joined the fleet, Secretary Knox revealed.

Capacity Increased.
The use of welding and other means in the \$80,000,000 Alabama, he said, have so decreased her structural weight as to add considerably



WAR SUPPLIES FOR ALLIED FRONTS—Long lines of freight cars, heavily loaded with war materials, stand in a railroad yard of a seacoast city, waiting for transfer to ships which will carry them to the far-flung battlefronts of the United Nations.



It takes more than a ship's boom to handle cargo such as this. A derrick swings aboard a new torpedo boat as this ship gets the last of its consignment of war material. One torpedo boat has been battered down at left.

to her capacity for guns, armor and ammunition.

Bows towering above a madly cheering throng of men who sped the dreadnaught to completion, the Alabama moved majestically down the heavily greased ways and into the river with a mighty splash. Navy planes threaded their way like gray ghosts through a thick near-zero cloud ceiling banked from one horizon to the other.

Gov. Dixon of Alabama, heading a large delegation from his State, declared that the great battleship carries with her "the hearts and hopes of all free men and women on earth today."

Mrs. Lister Hill, wife of Alabama's junior United States Senator, was the sponsor for the battleship.

Gov. Dixon was introduced by Gov. Gaden of Virginia, a schoolmate at the University of Virginia. The official party included Justice Black of the United States Supreme Court, Gov. J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, seven United States Senators, 20 Representatives, high ranking naval and Army officers and many distinguished Alabama and Virginia citizens.

New Keel to Be Laid.
Secretary Knox, who revealed that the keel of the 45,000-ton battleship Kentucky would be laid almost immediately in the same ways from which the Alabama was launched, recalled that less than two months ago he saw the battleship Indiana glide into the James River at Newport News. He said it was getting to be a habit—"a habit

which I hope will grow ever stronger with the Navy—for it is a habit which leads straight to victory."

"When I spoke at Newport News late in November, I remarked that 'no one can say when the actions of our avowed enemies may drag us into complete belligerency. But should that day come, the burden upon our Navy will be the greatest in our history.' Only a few days later came the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor. Today we know beyond a doubt that the burden upon our Navy is the greatest it has ever had to bear.

"We must protect our shores and coastal commerce. We must protect those strategic areas vital to our defense—Hawaii, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean. We must defend our good neighbors to the southward. We must protect the flow of supplies to Great Britain, that citadel of freedom.

Flood of Aggression.
"We must check as best we can the surging flood of Japanese aggression in the Antipodes, until we can muster our forces to send it hurtling back to whence it came. These activities girdle three-fourths of the globe. They demand that we gain, as rapidly as possible, control of the seas—not merely the surface of the seas, but the waters under the seas and the air above."

"To carry out this immense task will take every ship we can possibly turn out. This mighty vessel here will be an important addition to our naval forces—and she is being launched here today nine months ahead of schedule. It is a grand record and one of which every person connected with the building of the Alabama can be proud. The Navy is about to give tangible recognition of this fine job.

"As you all know, in the Navy an 'E' awarded to a ship is a symbol of efficiency and excellence in gunnery and engineering. I have just been informed that the Navy Board of Awards has granted the Norfolk Navy Yard the Navy 'E' pennant for outstanding work on ship construction."

In conclusion the Secretary said the Alabama carried with her a great name and a great tradition. "We cannot doubt that before many months have passed she will have had her first taste of battle," he said.

Filipinos Slain in War Lauded at Special Mass

The Rev. W. Coleman Nevills, S. J., former president of Georgetown University, warned that "overconfidence and a delusive optimism" lead to military disaster in a sermon yesterday in Gonzaga High School Auditorium, in which he paid tribute to Filipinos who have died defending their homeland.

More than 100 members of the Filipino Catholic Association of Washington worshipped at a special mass, with the Rev. Coleman J. Dally, S. J., association chaplain, as celebrant.

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LADY'S BLACK PURSE left in Heon's Restaurant, Wis. ave. and M. at n.w. Saturday. Reward. Phone DUmont 7316.

PIN, nurse's, near Episcopal Hospital. "Marie Bridges," name on back. Reward. RE. 3581.

POCKETBOOK, black, containing Social Security card, driver's permit, fountain pen, money. Reward. Phone DUmont 7316.

REWARD—Brown wallet, Saturday night; necessary papers and essential identification are needed urgently. Capt. George E. Ridgway, 1837 41st st. s.e. TR. 0082, or Naval Air Station.

WIRE-HAIR TERRIER, vicinity Washington and Glebe rd., Arlington, made, white, with black and brown spots. Va. license. Reward. Phone CH. 7970, after 7 p.m.

WRIST WATCH—Man's, Hamilton, Sunday night, on street car at 11th and N. Y. ave. n.w. Reward. Phone 2771, after 6 p.m.

WRIST WATCH, lady's, white gold, and blue enamel, lost Sat. at 11th and N. Y. ave. n.w. Reward. Phone 2771, after 6 p.m.

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PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16. (AP).—A two-alarm fire wrecked the tank-room of a United States Glass Co. plant on Pittsburgh's South Side yesterday, destroying 27 tons of molten glass and caused damage estimated by Fire Chief Edward Kerr at \$10,000.

Canteen Unit Considered
Women of the Berwyn (Md.) election district will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Berwyn School to consider formation of a Red Cross canteen unit. Mrs. A. S. Thurston, canteen chairman for the Prince Georges County Red Cross Chapter, will speak. Women of the district interested in this type of work are asked to attend.

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